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In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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The present volume contains the decisions adopted by the General Assembly from 14 September to 23 December 2004. Resolutions adopted by the Assembly during that period appear in volume I, together with information on the allocation of agenda items. Resolutions and decisions adopted subsequently during the fifty-ninth session will be published in volume III.

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A. Elections and appointments

59/401. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 September 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-ninth session consisting of the following Member States: BENIN, BHUTAN, CHINA, GHANA, LIECHTENSTEIN, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and URUGUAY.

59/402. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ARGENTINA, DENMARK, GREECE, JAPAN, and the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 to fill vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ANGOLA, CHILE, GERMANY, PAKISTAN and SPAIN.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: ALGERIA,* ARGENTINA,** BENIN,* BRAZIL,* CHINA, DENMARK,** FRANCE, GREECE,** JAPAN,** PHILIPPINES,* ROMANIA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 2005.

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59/403. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 28 October 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 140 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected SPAIN as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining term of office of GREECE,[1] beginning on 1 January 2005 and ending on 31 December 2005.

At its 45th and 46th plenary meetings, on 28 and 29 October 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected ALBANIA, AUSTRALIA, BRAZIL, CHAD, CHINA, COSTA RICA, the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, GUINEA, ICELAND, INDIA, LITHUANIA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SOUTH AFRICA, THAILAND and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRALIA, BHUTAN, BURUNDI, CHILE, CHINA, EL SALVADOR, FINLAND, GHANA, GUATEMALA, HUNGARY, INDIA, the LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, QATAR, the RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SWEDEN, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ALBANIA,*** ARMENIA,** AUSTRALIA,*** AZERBAIJAN,* BANGLADESH,** BELGIUM,** BELIZE,** BENIN,* BRAZIL,*** CANADA,** CHAD,*** CHINA,*** COLOMBIA,** CONGO,* COSTA RICA,*** CUBA,* DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO,*** DENMARK,*** ECUADOR,* FRANCE,* GERMANY,* GUINEA,*** ICELAND,*** INDIA,*** INDONESIA,**

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[1] A/59/358.

IRELAND,* ITALY,** JAMAICA,* JAPAN,* KENYA,* LITHUANIA,*** MALAYSIA,* MAURITIUS,** MEXICO,*** MOZAMBIQUE,* NAMIBIA,** NICARAGUA,* NIGERIA,** PAKISTAN,*** PANAMA,** POLAND,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SAUDI ARABIA,* SENEGAL,* SOUTH AFRICA,*** SPAIN,* THAILAND,*** TUNISIA,** TURKEY,* UNITED ARAB EMIRATES,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA** and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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59/404. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 8 November 2004, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected ALGERIA, CHINA, GHANA, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KENYA and the REPUBLIC OF KOREA as members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 to fill vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHINA, ETHIOPIA, JAPAN, NIGERIA, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TUNISIA and URUGUAY.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-four Member States: ALGERIA,*** ARGENTINA,* ARMENIA,* BAHAMAS,** BENIN,* BRAZIL,* CANADA,* CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,* CHINA,*** COMOROS,** CUBA,* FRANCE,** GABON,* GERMANY,* GHANA,*** INDIA,* INDONESIA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* JAMAICA,*** JAPAN,*** KENYA,*** MEXICO,** MONACO,* NICARAGUA,* PAKISTAN,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SOUTH AFRICA,* SWITZERLAND,* UKRAINE,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** and ZIMBABWE.**

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59/405. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 8 November 2004, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of AUSTRIA, CHINA, EGYPT, JAMAICA, KENYA, NEPAL and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of AUSTRIA, ETHIOPIA, JAMAICA, JORDAN, NEPAL, TUNISIA and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: ARGENTINA,** AUSTRIA,*** BOLIVIA,* CHINA,*** CONGO,* EGYPT,*** FRANCE,* GERMANY,** INDIA,* JAMAICA,*** JAPAN,* KENYA,*** MEXICO,** NEPAL.***

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[2] See Economic and Social Council decisions 2004/201 C of 4 May 2004 and 2004/201 D of 23 June 2004; see also A/59/131.

NIGERIA,** ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* SENEGAL,** SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*** and ZAMBIA.*

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59/406. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 57th plenary meeting, on 19 November 2004, the General Assembly, pursuant to article 13 bis of the statute of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, elected the following fourteen permanent judges for a four-year term of office beginning on 17 November 2005:[3]

Mr. Carmel AGIUS (Malta)
Mr. Jean-Claude ANTONETTI (France)
Mr. Iain BONOMY (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. O-gon KWON (Republic of Korea)
Mr. LIU Daqun (China)
Mr. Theodor MERON (United States of America)
Mr. Bakone Melema MOLOTO (South Africa)
Mr. Alphonsus Martinus Maria ORIE (Netherlands)
Mr. Kevin Horace PARKER (Australia)
Mr. Fausto POCAR (Italy)
Mr. Patrick Lipton ROBINSON (Jamaica)
Mr. Wolfgang SCHOMBURG (Germany)
Mr. Mohamed SHAHABUDDEEN (Guyana)
Ms. Christine VAN DEN WYNGAERT (Belgium)

59/407. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[4] appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Ronald Elkhuizen, Mr. Jorge Flores Callejas, Mr. Jerry Kramer, Mr. Rajat Saha, Ms. Sun Minqin and Mr. Jun Yamazaki.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Mr. Andrzej T. ABRASZEWSKI (*Poland*),** Mr. Manlan Narcisse AHOUNOU (*Côte d'Ivoire*),** Mr. Ronald ELKHUIZEN (*Netherlands*),*** Mr. Jorge FLORES CALLEJAS (*Honduras*),*** Mr. Homero Luis HERNANDEZ (*Dominican Republic*),* Mr. Collen V. KELAPILE (*Botswana*), ** Mr. Jerry KRAMER (*Canada*),*** Mr. Vladimir V. KUZNETSOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),** Mr. Thomas MAZET (*Germany*),* Ms. Susan M. MCLURG (*United States of America*),* Mr. Rajat SAHA (*India*),*** Mr. Murari Raj

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[3] See A/59/437 and A/59/439.

[4] A/59/582, para. 7.

SHARMA (*Nepal*),** Ms. SUN Minqin (*China*),*** Mr. Jun YAMAZAKI (*Japan*)*** and Mr. Mounir ZAHRAN (*Egypt*).*

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59/408. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. David Dutton, Mr. Paul Ekorong à Dong, Mr. Bernardo Greiver, Mr. Hassan Mohammed Hassan, Mr. Eduardo Iglesias and Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, [6] appointed Mr. Vyacheslav A. Logutov as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 and ending on 31 December 2005, as a result of the resignation of Mr. Sergei I. Mareyev.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*),** Mr. Meshal AL-MANSOUR (*Kuwait*),** Mr. David DUTTON (*Australia*),*** Mr. Petru DUMITRIU (*Romania*),** Mr. Paul EKORONG À DONG (*Cameroon*),*** Mr. Haile Selassie GETACHEW (*Ethiopia*),** Mr. Bernardo GREIVER (*Uruguay*),*** Mr. Alvaro GURGEL DE ALENCAR NETTO (*Brazil*),* Mr. Hassan Mohammed HASSAN (*Nigeria*),*** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),** Mr. Eduardo IGLESIAS (*Argentina*),*** Mr. David A. LEIS (*United States of America*),** Mr. Vyacheslav A. LOGUTOV (*Russian Federation*),* Mr. Bernard MEUERMAN (*Netherlands*),* Mr. Hae-yun PARK (*Republic of Korea*),* Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes RAMOS (*Portugal*),*** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*)* and Mr. WU Gang (*China*).*

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59/409. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. William J. McDonough, Ms. Hélène Ploix and Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, also on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Khaya Ngqula as a member of the Investments Committee for a term of office beginning on 8 December 2004 and ending on 31 December 2006.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),* Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),** Mr. William J. MCDONOUGH (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Khaya NGQULA (*South Africa*),** Mr. Takeshi

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[5] A/59/583, para. 6.

[6] Ibid, para. 7.

[7] A/59/584, para. 5.

[8] Ibid, para. 6.

OHTA (*Japan*),* Ms. Hélène PLOIX (*France*),*** Mr. J. Y. PILLAY (*Singapore*),** Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)*** and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).*

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59/410. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis, Mr. Goh Joon Seng and Ms. Brigitte Stern.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),** Mr. Spyridon FLOGAITIS (*Greece*),*** Mr. GOH Joon Seng (*Singapore*),*** Mr. Kevin HAUGH (*Ireland*),* Ms. Jacqueline R. SCOTT (*United States of America*),* Ms. Brigitte STERN (*France*)*** and Mr. Dayendra Sena WIJEWARDANE (*Sri Lanka*).**

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59/411. Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed the following persons as members or alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Kenshiro AKIMOTO (*Japan*), Mr. Aizaz Ahmad CHAUDHRY (*Pakistan*), Ms. Valeria María GONZÁLEZ POSSE (*Argentina*), Mr. Andrei V. KOVALENKO (*Russian Federation*), Mr. Gerhard KÜNTZLE (*Germany*), Mr. Lovemore MAZEMO (*Zimbabwe*), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda OWADE (*Kenya*) and Mr. Thomas A. REPASCH (*United States of America*).

59/412. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 69th plenary meeting, on 8 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[11] appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha, Mr. Shamsher M. Chowdhury, Mr. Vladimir Titov, Mr. Xiaochu Wang and Mr. El Hassane Zahid.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),** Chairman; Mr. Eugeniusz WYZNER (*Poland*),** Vice-Chairman; Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),* Mr. Daasebre Oti BOATENG (*Ghana*),** Mr. Fatih BOUAYAD-AGHA (*Algeria*),*** Mr. Shamsher M. CHOWDHURY (*Bangladesh*),*** Mr. Minoru ENDO (*Japan*),* Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),* Mr. Gilberto PARANHOS VELLOSO (*Brazil*),* Mr. José R. SANCHÍS MUÑOZ (*Argentina*),** Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU

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[9] A/59/585, para. 5.

[10] A/59/586, para. 4.

[11] A/59/587, para. 6.

(*Greece*),* Ms. Anita SZLAZAK (*Canada*),** Mr. Vladimir TITOV (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Xiaochu WANG (*China*)*** and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).***

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*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2008.

59/413. Appointment of members of the Committee on Information

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[12] appointed CAPE VERDE, ICELAND, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR and QATAR as members of the Committee on Information.

As a result, the Committee on Information is composed of the following one hundred and seven Member States:[13] ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA, ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, BANGLADESH, BELARUS, BELGIUM, BELIZE, BENIN, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURKINA FASO, BURUNDI, CAPE VERDE, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CROATIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECH REPUBLIC, DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EGYPT, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, FRANCE, GABON, GEORGIA, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUYANA, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, JORDAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KENYA, LEBANON, LIBERIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, MALTA, MEXICO, MONACO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QATAR, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, ROMANIA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, SINGAPORE, SLOVAKIA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SURINAME, SWITZERLAND, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, VIET NAM, YEMEN and ZIMBABWE.

59/414. Appointment of members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[14] appointed Dominica and Timor-Leste as members of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

As a result, the Special Committee is composed of the following twenty-seven Member States:[15] ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, BOLIVIA, CHILE, CHINA, CONGO, CÔTE D'IVOIRE, CUBA, DOMINICA, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, GRENADA, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), IRAQ, MALI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, TIMOR-LESTE, TUNISIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA and VENEZUELA.

[12] A/59/473, para. 13.

[13] See also decision 59/518.

[14] A/59/478, para. 39.

[15] See also decision 59/520.

B. Other decisions

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

59/501. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-ninth session

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 14 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[16] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Disarmament Commission, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-ninth session.

At its 18th plenary meeting, on 4 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[17] decided that, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal should be authorized to meet in New York during the main part of its fifty-ninth session.

59/502. Organization of the fifty-ninth session

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[18] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-ninth session.

At its 30th plenary meeting, on 14 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, and without setting a precedent, decided to hear an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund at the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development under agenda item 45 entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields".

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[19] decided to consider separately agenda item 21 entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict" and agenda item 24 entitled "Prevention of armed conflict".

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 29 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[20] decided to consider separately agenda item 36 entitled "The situation in the Middle East" and agenda item 37 entitled "Question of Palestine".

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to postpone the date of recess of the fifty-ninth session, originally fixed for Tuesday, 14 December 2004, to Monday, 20 December 2004.

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the President, decided to further postpone the date of recess of the fifty-ninth session to Thursday, 23 December 2004.

59/503. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[21] adopted the agenda[22] and the allocation of agenda items[23] for the fifty-ninth session.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[24] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[25] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova,

[16] See A/59/351.

[17] See A/59/351/Add.1.

[18] A/59/250, paras. 4–42.

[19] A/59/250/Add.2, para. 2.

[20] A/59/250/Add.3, para. 5.

[21] See A/59/250, paras. 60–71.

[22] A/59/251.

[23] A/59/252.

[24] A/59/250, para. 52.

[25] Ibid., para. 53.

Europa and Bassas da India" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session.

At its 18th plenary meeting, on 4 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[26] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the community of Portuguese-speaking countries" as sub-item (*t*) of agenda item 56 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider the sub-item directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[27] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of West African States in the General Assembly", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its second report,[28] decided to allocate also to the Third Committee agenda item 109 entitled "Programme planning", with respect to programme 19 (Human rights) of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006–2007.

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its third report,[29] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 29 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[30] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional item entitled "Andean zone of peace", under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[31] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in the General Assembly", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

Also at the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[32] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional sub-item entitled "Election of a member of the International Court of Justice" as sub-item (*c*) of agenda item 15 entitled "Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs", under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters), and to consider the sub-item directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fourth report,[33] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan", under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security), and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 62nd plenary meeting, on 30 November 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee as set forth in its fifth report,[34] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session an additional sub-item entitled "Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas" as sub-item (*h*) of agenda item 85 entitled "Sustainable development", under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences), and to allocate the sub-item to the Second Committee.

59/504. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 23rd plenary meeting, on 8 October 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[35]

59/505. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 11 October 2004, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[36]

[26] A/59/250/Add.1, para. 1.

[27] Ibid., para. 2.

[28] Ibid., para. 3.

[29] A/59/250/Add.2, para. 1.

[30] A/59/250/Add.3, para. 1.

[31] Ibid., para. 2.

[32] Ibid., para. 3.

[33] Ibid., para. 4.

[34] A/59/250/Add.4.

[35] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/59/1).

[36] A/59/335.

59/506. Report of the Security Council

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 13 October 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council.[37]

59/508. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 49th plenary meeting, on 4 November 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[38]

59/509. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 8 November 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session.

59/510. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 2004, the General Assembly took note of the ninth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[39]

59/511. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 53rd plenary meeting, on 15 November 2004, the General Assembly took note of the eleventh annual report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[40]

59/543. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session.

59/552. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during its fifty-ninth session:

Item 3 (*b*):	Report of the Credentials Committee
Item 4:	Election of the President of the General Assembly
Item 5:	Election of the officers of the Main Committees
Item 6:	Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly
Item 10:	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization
Item 11:	Report of the Security Council
Item 12:	Report of the Economic and Social Council
Item 15 (*c*):	Election of a member of the International Court of Justice
Item 17 (*h*):	Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit
Item 17 (*i*):	Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services
Item 17(*j*):	Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Item 19:	Admission of new Members to the United Nations
Item 20:	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Item 24:	Prevention of armed conflict

[37] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 2* (A/59/2).

[38] Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (A/59/4).

[39] See A/59/183-S/2004/601.

[40] See A/59/215-S/2004/627.

Item 26: The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development

Item 27: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Item 36: The situation in the Middle East

Item 37: Question of Palestine

Item 40: Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Item 43: Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Item 45: Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Item 48: Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion

Item 52: Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Item 53: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters

Item 54: Strengthening of the United Nations system

Item 55: Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit

Item 56 (*g*): Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States

Item 56 (*n*): Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Item 75: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

Item 77: Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Item 84: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

Item 85 (*b*): Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Item 105 (*b*): Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Item 106: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Item 107: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Item 108: Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

Item 109: Programme planning

Item 110: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

Item 111: Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

Item 112: Pattern of conferences

Item 113: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Item 114: Human resources management

Item 115: Joint Inspection Unit

Item 116: United Nations common system

Item 117: United Nations pension system

Item 118: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Item 119: Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244

Item 120: Administration of justice at the United Nations

Item 121: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Item 122: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Item 123: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Item 124: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola

Item 125: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Item 126: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Item 127: Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Item 128: Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Item 132: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Item 137: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Item 146: International Criminal Court

Item 148: Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Item 150: International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings

Item 153: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

Item 154: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Item 155: Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Item 156: Multilingualism

Item 158: Declaration by the United Nations of 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation

Item 163: The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan

2. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee*

59/512. Reduction of military budgets

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 3 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[41]

[41] A/59/451.

59/513. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 3 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[42] recalling its resolutions 52/38 S of 9 December 1997, 53/77 A of 4 December 1998, 55/33 W of 20 November 2000 and 57/69 of 22 November 2002 and its decisions 54/417 of 1 December 1999, 56/412 of 29 November 2001 and 58/518 of 8 December 2003, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia".

59/514. United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 3 December 2004, the General Assembly, by a recorded vote of 138 to 5, with 38 abstentions,[43] and on the recommendation of the First Committee,[42] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament".

[42] See A/59/459, para. 91, and Corr.1.

[43] *In favour*: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: France, Palau, Poland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

59/515. Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus

At its 66th plenary meeting, on 3 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[42] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session an item entitled "Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus".

59/544. Programme planning

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee.[44]

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

59/516. Assistance in mine action

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[45] recalling its resolution 58/127 of 19 December 2003 on assistance in mine action, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Assistance in mine action".

59/517. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[46]

59/518. Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[47] decided to increase the membership of the Committee on Information from one hundred and two to one hundred and seven.[48]

59/519. Question of Gibraltar

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[49] recalling its decision 58/526 of 9 December 2003, and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[50] stipulated, inter alia, the following:

> "The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution",

urged both Governments, while listening to the interests and aspirations of Gibraltar, to reach in the spirit of that statement a definitive solution to the question of Gibraltar, in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations.

59/520. Increase in the membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

At its 71st plenary meeting, on 10 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[49] decided to increase the membership of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples from twenty-five to twenty-seven.[51]

59/545. Programme planning

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).[52]

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[44] A/59/618.

[45] A/59/467, para. 8

[46] A/59/472.

[47] A/59/473, para. 13.

[48] See also decision 59/413.

[49] A/59/478, para. 39.

[50] A/39/732, annex.

[51] See also decision 59/414.

[52] A/59/621.

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

59/531. Report of the Secretary-General on information and communication technologies for development

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[53] took note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technologies for development: progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/295"[54] and requested the Secretary-General to submit a further report on the implementation of the information and communication technology strategy to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.

59/532. Report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[53] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system.[55]

59/533. Macroeconomic policy questions

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[56]

59/534. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[57] decided to approve the participation of the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/59/409 and Corr.1 as observers to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, to be held in January 2005, in accordance with rule 65 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting.

59/535. Globalization and interdependence

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[58]

59/536. Document relating to culture and development

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[59] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of resolution 57/249 of 20 December 2002, entitled "Culture and development".[60]

59/537. Groups of countries in special situations

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[61]

59/538. Eradication of poverty and other development issues

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[62]

59/539. Operational activities for development

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[63]

59/540. Document considered under agenda item 90, entitled "Operational activities for development"

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[64] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[65]

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[53] A/59/480, para. 13.

[54] A/59/563.

[55] A/59/207.

[56] A/59/481.

[57] A/59/483/Add.2 and Corr.1, para. 17.

[58] A/59/485.

[59] A/59/485/Add.4, para. 3.

[60] A/59/202.

[61] A/59/486.

[62] A/59/487.

[63] A/59/488.

[64] A/59/488/Add.1, para. 10.

[65] A/59/135 and Corr.1.

59/541. Training and research

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[66]

59/542. Programme planning

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 22 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee.[67]

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

59/521. Proposed supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[68] took note of Economic and Social Council resolution 2004/15 of 21 July 2004, decided to postpone consideration of the issue until its sixty-first session at the latest, and requested the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development to take into account the general ideas contained in the proposed supplement to the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[69] in the accomplishment of her mandate.

59/522. Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[68] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004.[70]

59/523. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of crime prevention and criminal justice

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[71] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;[72]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance in preventing and combating terrorism;[73]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;[74]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "International cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime: assistance to States in capacity-building with a view to facilitating the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto";[75]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the High-level Political Conference for the Purpose of Signing the United Nations Convention against Corruption, held in Merida, Mexico, from 9 to 11 December 2003.[76]

59/524. Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the work of its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[77] took note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on the work of its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions.[78]

59/525. Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[79] took note of the report of the Committee on the

[66] A/59/490.

[67] A/59/610.

[68] A/59/492, para. 26.

[69] E/CN.5/2002/4, annex.

[70] A/59/176.

[71] A/59/494, para. 40.

[72] A/59/123-E/2004/90.

[73] A/59/187.

[74] A/59/203 and Add.1.

[75] A/59/204.

[76] A/59/77.

[77] A/59/496, para. 28.

[78] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/59/38).

[79] A/59/499, para. 36.

Rights of the Child covering the activities of the Committee at its thirtieth to thirty-fifth sessions.[80]

59/526. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[81] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations;[82]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people;[83]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.[84]

59/527. Report of the Secretary-General submitted under the agenda item entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination"

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[85] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.[86]

59/528. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights questions

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[87] took note of the following documents submitted under the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions":

Under sub-item (*a*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;[88]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights;[89]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[90]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[91]

(*e*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of the human rights treaty bodies on their sixteenth meeting;[92]

Under sub-item (*b*):

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development;[93]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants;[94]

(*c*) Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law;[95]

(*d*) Report of the Secretary-General on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa;[96]

(*e*) Report of the Secretary-General on Khmer Rouge trials;[97]

(*f*) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures;[98]

(*g*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on freedom of religion or belief;[99]

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[80] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 41* and corrigendum and addendum (A/59/41 and Corr.1 and Add.1).

[81] A/59/500, para. 15.

[82] A/59/257.

[83] A/59/258.

[84] A/59/277.

[85] A/59/501, para. 24.

[86] A/59/375.

[87] A/59/503, para. 7.

[88] A/59/306.

[89] A/59/308.

[90] A/59/309.

[91] A/59/310.

[92] A/59/254.

[93] A/59/255.

[94] A/59/328.

[95] A/59/402.

[96] A/59/403.

[97] A/59/432 and Add.1.

[98] A/59/436.

[99] A/59/366.

(*h*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants;[100]

(*i*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights defenders;[101]

(*j*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;[102]

Under sub-item (*c*):

(*a*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;[103]

(*b*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights;[104]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan;[105]

as well as

(*d*) Oral report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;[106]

(*e*) Oral report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;[106]

(*f*) Oral report of the independent expert of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Sudan.[107]

59/529. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[108]

59/530. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 20 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[109]

59/546. Programme planning

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Third Committee.[110]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

59/507. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 29 October 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[111]

(*a*) Recalled its resolution 57/290 B of 18 June 2003;

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session a report on the review of the management structure of all peacekeeping operations, inter alia, through administrative comparisons, as appropriate, taking into account the complexities, mandates and specificities of each operation and the necessity of carrying out effectively and efficiently each operation.

59/548. Budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[112] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the statistical report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system.[113]

[100] A/59/377.

[101] A/59/401.

[102] A/59/422.

[103] A/59/256.

[104] A/59/340.

[105] A/59/370.

[106] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Third Committee*, 29th meeting (A/C.3/59/SR.29), and corrigendum.

[107] Ibid., 30th meeting (A/C.3/59/SR.30), and corrigendum.

[108] A/59/503/Add.4.

[109] A/59/503/Add.5.

[110] A/59/609.

[111] A/59/532, para. 7

[112] A/59/605, para. 6.

[113] A/59/315.

59/549. Programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[114] having considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General[115] of programme budget implications of recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fourth session[116] and having endorsed the observations and recommendations contained in the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[117]

(*a*) Noted that, should it adopt the draft resolution entitled "Programme planning",[118] the programme of work under section 29, Management and central support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, would be modified as indicated in paragraph 3 of the statement by the Secretary-General, and an additional amount of 500,000 United States dollars at initial 2004–2005 rates would be required under section 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, subject to the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 for the use and operation of the contingency fund;

(*b*) Noted the possible substantial financial costs related to the eventual implementation of a cost accounting system;

(*c*) Requested the Secretary-General to provide a full presentation of the financial implications of identified options for the possible implementation of such a system to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session for consideration.

59/550. Revised estimates and programme budget implications: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[114] having considered the report of the Secretary-General[119] and the oral statement of the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[120] decided to approve the adjustments to revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications, as applicable, subject to the approval of related amounts for individual revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications.

59/551. Questions deferred for future consideration

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[121] decided to defer until its resumed session consideration of the following agenda items and related documents:

Item 108: Programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005

Second annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the capital master plan[122]

Report of the Secretary-General on plans for three additional conference rooms and viable solutions for allowing natural light into the rooms[123]

Report of the Secretary-General on viable options for ensuring sufficient parking space at United Nations Headquarters[124]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of possible funding arrangements for the capital master plan[125]

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation with the City and State of New York related to the capital master plan[126]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Auditors on the capital master plan for the biennium ended 31 December 2003[127]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the capital master plan for the period from August 2003 through July 2004[128]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the capital master plan[129]

Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service and compensation for members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons

[114] A/59/448/Add.2, para. 42.

[115] A/C.5/59/13.

[116] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/59/16).

[117] A/59/567.

[118] A/C.5/59/L.20.

[119] A/C.5/59/24.

[120] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Fifth Committee*, 31st meeting (A/C.5/59/SR.31), and corrigendum.

[121] A/59/652, para. 10.

[122] A/59/441.

[123] A/58/556.

[124] A/58/712.

[125] A/58/729.

[126] A/58/779.

[127] A/59/161.

[128] A/59/420.

[129] A/59/556.

Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[130]

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on conditions of service and compensation for members of the International Court of Justice and judges and ad litem judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[131]

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the appeals process at the United Nations[132]

Report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice in the Secretariat[133]

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Panels on Discrimination and Other Grievances[134]

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2001 and 2002[135]

Report of the Secretary-General on the outcome of the work of the Joint Appeals Board during 2002 and 2003[136]

Comprehensive report of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal on its activities[137]

Letter dated 18 November 2003 from the President of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee[138]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Administration of justice: harmonization of the statutes of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal and the International Labour Organization Administrative Tribunal"[139]

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7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

59/547. Working Group to finalize the text of a United Nations declaration on human cloning

At its 76th plenary meeting, on 23 December 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[143] took note of the decision of the Sixth Committee to establish a Working Group to finalize the text of a United Nations declaration on human cloning, on the basis of the draft resolution entitled "United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning",[144] and report to the Sixth Committee during the current session. The Working Group would meet on 14, 15 and 18 February 2005. The Sixth Committee would meet in the afternoon of 18 February to consider and take action on the report of the Working Group. The Working Group would be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Chairman of the Sixth Committee would be Chairman of the Working Group and members of the Bureau of the Sixth Committee would serve as Friends of the Chairman.

[130] A/C.5/59/2 and Corr. 1.
[131] A/59/557.
[132] A/59/408.
[133] A/59/449.
[134] A/59/414.
[135] A/58/300.
[136] A/59/70.
[137] A/58/680.
[138] A/C.5/58/16.
[139] A/59/280 and Corr. 1.
[140] A/59/280/Add.1.
[141] A/59/78.
[142] A/C.5/59/12.
[143] A/59/516, para. 11 and Corr.1.
[144] A/C.6/59/L.26.

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